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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/567,563                      Group Art Unit: 2836  
Filing Date: February 8, 2006              Examiner: Daniel Cavallari  
Applicant: Thomas HEBERLEIN  
Title: PROTECTOR SUITABLE FOR CASCADE CONNECTIONS  
AND CORRESPONDING METHOD FOR SAFETY-  
CONDITIONED SWITCHING  
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

An interview was conducted on February 17, 2009 to clarify inconsistencies in the outstanding Office Action regarding which claims are allowable and which claims are rejected. For example, the Office Action summary indicates that claims 1-6, 8-10 and 20 are allowed, claims 11-15, 17-19 and 21-25 are rejected and claim 6 is objected to. In contrast, page 6 of the Office Action indicates that claims 1-20 are allowed and claim 16 is objected to. Moreover, at page 2 of the Office Action, claims 11-15 and 17-25 are indicated as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). This rejection is in conflict with the indication that claim 20 is allowed as indicated in the Office Action summary and is further in conflict with the indication that claims 11-15 and 17-20 are allowed as indicated at page 6 of the Office Action.

The Examiner indicated that due to the several inconsistencies, he would withdraw the outstanding Office Action and forward a new Office Action properly citing the claim status and restarting the shortened statutory period for reply.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims of this application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Fitzpatrick at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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